

Base X Eagle



CERI

Base X, Deployed Location

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On the night shift

Working in the cover of darkness, people continue to complete the mission



Photo by Staff Sgt. Orville Desjarlais

Staff Sgt. Brian Hollandsworth, 44th fighter Squadron crew chief, inspects an F-15's intake during the night shift on Base X during the CERI.

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The setting sun may mark the end of the work day for some people, but for those on night shift, their "work day" is just beginning.

For some, the night brings with it more responsibility.

For instance, Col. Merri Uckert is the 18th Wing Support Group commander at Kadena. But at Base X, throughout the night, she takes the place of Brig. Gen. James B. Smith, 771st Wing commander.

Working the night shift is "no different than working days," says Uckert.

She said since shift-change times are staggered there's a constant flow of people entering and leaving Base X, which also means there isn't a massive exodus of people leaving and people re-

placing them all at the same time. "I noticed that people do a good job of passing on information to one another during shift change," she says.

The only major difference between night and day shifts is visibility, which becomes a factor during sector sweeps.

"People on the night shift have been doing a good job during sector sweeps. They're showing a sense of urgency,

they're working together and they're confident. They're really coming together as a team," says Uckert. "They all worked very hard to be as prepared as they are now."

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*Brig. Gen.
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771st Wing
commander.*

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Commander applies Base X restrictions

By order of the 771st Wing commander, the following activities are prohibited (unless authorized by the commander):

- Consuming alcohol on or off base;
- travelling outside the limits of Base X unless they're conducting offi-

cial business;

- smoking in buildings on base (except the base club), while in government vehicles, or while walking or riding a bicycle; and
- wearing civilian clothing whenever Base X is in a MOPP condition, including MOPP 0.



Photo by Senior Airman Cohen Young

A 771st Wing F-15 taxis into Base X at the end of a day of flying. INSET PHOTO: Members of the 18th Maintenance Squadron read an ATSO guide during the CERI (photo by Staff Sgt. Pete Saldana).

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For most career fields, the difference between the day and night shifts is very slight, almost unnoticeable. For example, the difference between the Quick Turn dining facility day shift and that of the night shift is nil. There is no difference. Nobody has to go in during the middle of the night to make the donuts. And for aircraft maintainers, running a 24-hour operation means there is very little difference between the two shifts.

For civil engineers, however, the absence of sunlight does make a difference, according to Capt. Rob Williams, Base X night shift damage control center officer in charge.

"Most of the things we do we do outside," Williams says. "At night, we have to bring light-alls (portable lights) which slows us down a bit. In fact, everything we do at night takes us a bit longer when we have to accomplish it at night."

Be it night or day, Smith says, "Everyone is doing a fine job. Keep up the good work."

Dining Hall schedule

Thursday Menu: Grilled steak, mashed potatoes, creamed corn and pork and beans.

The Quick Turn dining hall's hours of operation are as follows:

Breakfast	MRE	0200-1000
Lunch	HOT	1000-1400
Dinner	MRE	1400-2200
Midnight	HOT	2200-0200

Be on the look-out for suspicious people

Officials in the Air Force Office of Special Investigations and security forces say CERI participants should be on the lookout for and report suspicious personnel on Base X, as well as in your living area.

To report suspicious activity, call the AFOSI at 630-6777, or security forces at 630-6535.

Need a shirt?

The 771st Wing has first sergeants available for assistance 24-hours a day. Call 630-6000, or 634-1010/6654.

HUMOR

Possible Inspector General-installed computer viruses include...

● **F-22 VIRUS:** You definitely think your system has the virus, but then funding is pulled, then it's restored, now you don't know if your system has it or not.

● **ELVIS VIRUS:** Your computer gets fat, slow and lazy, then self-destructs, only to resurface at the Kadena Air Force Ball.

● **MRE VIRUS:** It's a virus that identifies itself as "food," but few bytes are ever taken.

● **IG VIRUS:** Causes chaos, panic and disorder **BEFORE** it gets into your system

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